

Discussion Forum Rubric:

Each module requires participation in the discussion forum of this course. Expectations of students' participation are explained in detail below:

1. Write the topic for your discussion thread on the subject line.
2. Write 1 paragraph (5 sentences or more) on topic being discussed.
3. When writing your discussion:
 - a. Include the main idea, your opinion, and reasons that support your opinion.
 - b. Proofread your discussion before posting. Make sure you spelled words correctly and didn't use common communication abbreviations, such as LOL or U R for "you are."
4. Students must respond to 2 peers' posts with 3 or more sentences by Friday at 8pm. When responding, follow the netiquette rules in the next section.
 - a. Share gratitude with your peer for their response;
 - b. Add suggestions or information related to your peer's topic;
 - c. And follow-up with a question if information is unclear.
5. Students must read over the responses to their posts and answer any questions asked by Monday, the following week, at noon.
6. When writing a discussion thread or responding to a peer, remember to use your "netiquette." Communicate in a respectful manner.
 - a. For example, do not write words in all caps. This can give the reader the impression that you are angry.

10 points Maximum per post	Courtesy	Communication	Focus	Knowledge	Thinking
Per Section: 2 points Excellent 1 point Satisfactory 0 points	Does your post follow netiquette? You didn't use all caps. You were respectful of other	Did you write your post by Wednesday? Did you respond to 2 peers by Friday? Did you read	Did you stay on topic? Does your writing show an awareness of	Do you refer to specific information from your readings and video viewings. Did you cite your source? For example: I noticed in the picture from the hubble telescope on the site,	Do you express your points of view about topics well?

Unsatisfactory	students' thoughts.	responses to your post and follow-up by the following Monday?	audience, meaning, are you discussing the topic?	http://hubblesite.org/gallery/	
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